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SUBJECT: RESEARCH VESSEL ATLANTIS II

REF: CARACAS 10499

1. MASTER OF ATLANTIS II SENT TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY EMBASSY
NAVAL ATTACHE THIS MORNING ASKING ABOUT STATUS OF HIS POSSIBILITY
TO REENTER TRENCH OF CARIACO. HE ASKED FOR ONLY TWELVE MORE HOURS,
AND REQUESTED REPLY VIA PUERTO CABELLO RADIO.

2. THIS WAS CONVEYED TO VENEZUELAN NAVAL CAPTAIN WITH WHOM WE
HAVE BEEN DEALING WHO SAID HE HOPED TO RESOLVE PROBLEM TODAY. HE
CALLED AGAIN AT SCHEDULED TIME TO REPORT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DO SO
BUT WAS CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS AND WOULD CALL AGAIN TODAY. AGAIN
THREE O'CLOCK P.M. CLOSING TIME OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES APPARENTLY
INTERVENED. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION FROM HIM.

3. ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE ALSO RAISED MATTER DURING DAY WITH
VENEZUELAN NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. AMBASSADOR PLANS TO
RAISE IT WITH VENEZUELAN CHIEF NAVAL OPERATIONS EARLY DECEMBER
12 IF RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

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